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Re: Allowed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/719,055; § 371 Date: June 6, 2001
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB99/01828; In'tl. Filing Date: June 9, 1999);
For: **Predictive Test For Pre-Eclampsia**
Inventors: WALD *et al.*
Our Ref: 0623.0950000/LBB/GLL/SJE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated December 19, 2003, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$695.00 to cover:
\$665.00 Issue Fee for a small entity;
\$ 30.00 Advance copies of patent;
2. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
3. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
4. Statement that Nucleotide or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is not Required; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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With respect to the payment of the issue fee: Applicants assert that the assignee is a small entity, and have previously paid fees for a small entity. Hence, it is Applicants' belief that the issue fee of \$1,330.00, corresponding to a large entity fee, is in error. Applicants enclose the issue fee for a small entity.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicants note that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a "Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" on June 29, 2001. In a July 16, 2001 telephone conference with Mr. Winston M. Alvarado at the USPTO, it was explained that this Notice was generated in error. Applicants further note that there has been no subsequent request for a nucleotide or amino acid sequence submission. Hence, it is Applicants' belief that the notification was in error, and that no sequence submission is required.

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